Districts	Block Headquarters
22. Sonitpur	184. Baghmara 185. Balipara 186. Bhaknajuli 187. Bihaguri 188. Bihali 189. Biswanath 190. Borchala 191. Chayaduar 192. Gabharu 193. Naduar 194. Pub Chayduar 195. Rangapara 196. Sakumatha 197. Sootia
23. Tinsukia	198. Guijan 199. Hapajan 200. Itakhuli 201. Kakapathar 202. Margherita 203. Sadiya 204. Saikhowa
*(rest of the blocks of Nagaon covered under pilot project)	
Nagaon	1. Barhampaur 2. Batadrava 3. Binakandi 4. Dalonghat 5. Dhalpukhuri 6. Jugijan 7. Juria 8. Kaliabor 9. Kathiatoli 10. Khagarijan 11. Lowkhowa 12. Pachim Kaliabor 13. Pakhimoria 14. Raha 15. Rupahihat

Allotment of STD/ISD/PCOs in Tamil Nadu

2996. SHRI P.G. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending with Government for allotment of STD/ISD/PCOs at different places/towns in Tamil Nadu and since when such applications are pending;

(b) the details of STD/ISD/PCOs cleared and allotted in the State during the last three years, district-wise; and

(c) the norms for opening of STD/ISD/PCO in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Sir, STD/ISD/PCOs are allotted on day to day basis and no application is pending for allotment in Tamil Nadu.

(b) The district-wise information regarding the number of STD/ISD/PCOs allotted and cleared in Tamil Nadu during the last three years is given in the statement (*See* below).

(c) Sir, according to the present policy, PCOs are allotted liberally on first come first served basis to all applicants who are of 18 years of age and above subject to technical feasibility and completion of commercial formalities.

Statement

District-wise no. of STD/ISD/PCOs cleared in Tamil Nadu during the last three years

Sl. No.	Name of the District	1999-2000		2000-2001		2001-2002	
		STD/ISD	Local PCO	STD/ISD	Local PCO	STD/ISD	Local PCO
1.	Kancheepuram	81	270	646	599	341	859
2.	Tiruvallur	28	116	201	257	120	369
3.	Coimbatore	874	302	901	425	602	315
4.	Cuddalore	15	169	247	464	541	1074
5.	Vilupuram	15	157	228	412	478	810
6.	Dharmapuri	0	0	777	277	297	339
7.	Erode	226	290	258	246	233	625
8.	Ramanathapuram	117	59	405	272	243	263
9.	Sivaganga	67	39	546	356	300	299
10.	Madurai	573	622	1153	608	578	634
11.	Theni	256	311	309	305	157	317
12.	Dindigul	278	465	491	456	392	471
13.	Kanyakumari	201	237	450	165	150	248
14.	Nilgiris	87	16	112	20	44	24
15.	Salem	401	273	726	609	319	898
16.	Namakkal	111	155	267	365	177	572
17.	Tiruchirappalli	232	327	589	402	356	562
18.	Karur	179	238	447	311	263	411
19.	Pudukkottai	118	159	299	209	179	279
20.	Perambalur	49	73	124	103	128	134
21.	Thanjavur	253	135	525	334	122	176
22.	Tiruvarur	23	40	197	97	68	139
23.	Nagapattinam	800	188	209	667	250	450
24.	Tirunelveli	85	275	385	411	192	603
25.	Tuticorin	258	62	295	367	226	238
26.	Vellore	270	623	350	360	510	245
27.	Tiruvannamalai	130	416	145	212	233	177
28.	Virudhunagar	80	431	269	127	134	125
29.	Chennai Metro	1209	7788	4328	9747	2055	8730

Change of telephone numbers

2997. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the reason for converting the telephone numbers in metro cities from seven to eight digits;